RED ROSES

A Romance of Love, Bluff, Cash and a "Punch!"

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was the best dancer in the city; ber natural partner!

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The one I've always wanted." "What one is that?" bush; skyrockets dragged their spir. had dispersed, took his thoughtful aling tails through all the available place in Siedge's machine, and pre-circumambience, while fancy bombs pared for the usual welcome silence, pyrotechnical surprises into all the celestial territory hitherto unoccu-

To his surprise, however, Sledge talked.

Through it all, Sledge stood as immovable and as impassive as if he had been glued to the spot and frozen.

Even when the display flowed out into the middle of the highway and plied up the street cars for two blocks in both directions, he remained a calm and disinterested specttor. The president of the traction company was thrown into extreme agitation by this excess of zeal, for he had some consideration for the feelings of the

by this excess of zeal, for he had some consideration for the feelings of the public, and he rushed right out to restore the scattered schedule.

"Here what's this?" he demanded "Did she say so?" inquired Bert, "artisd and humiliated.

again, he poured a drink might have of persuasiveness. Now, we stand a room of his own judgment. "Bert r leads the betting, don't he?"

"What!" be gassed. "gassed. "gassed." tone was not complimentary. For a spologized, moment he looked troubled, and then, it, and ta smiling again, he poured a drink, might have "Melly will have the final say about I suppose,

MOBILIZED! - By Robert Minor



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"Did she say so?" inquired lier, of a demon with a smoke backened face, "Why are you holding up the "Not yet," acknowledged Siedge. "Not yet," acknowledged Siedge, "Not yet," acknowledged Si

"Plit telephone you," offered Bendix,
"Delighted to have met you, Mr.
Marley," declared Bozzam, gripping
the President's hand. "I trust that
we shall have extensive and mutually satisfactory business associations." and attended by Bendix, he left the

Mr. Mariey conceived a vague feel-

"Out," grunted Sledge. Be back soon?'

oughly satisfied, and he hurried back column. half-tone-illustrated to Siedge's office, where he found Bennouncement of the engagement. dix, and, going over to the Court "Good lord!" groaned Bert.

this train of thought with his plans for the marketing of the Porson track hurried to the First National Plan.

THOUGHT you were gone, observed Frank Marley, as observed Frank Marley, as observed Frank Marley, as of the party. "Forget is made and available funds to complete the cash purchase which Bernard forward decanter." "It is ea," offered Marley, setting forward decanter." "It hink she mart to be married," corrected Biedge.

"Not to my knowledge," replied her father, with a slight frown.

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close the deal to-day, and I'll make it twenty-six."

"I wouldn't close to-day at any price," responded Bozzam. "I want a thirty-day option."

Bert frowned, granulnely concerned.

"There's a chance that you won't complete your purchase," he objected.

"There's no chance at all," denied Bozzam, with pardonable pride. "If went to him to close it, after I telephoned you my heart and hand, and he had the nerve to tell me that I'd better stay out of the deal if I great in the starts to organize a company, it's organized." I went to him to close it, after I telephoned you my heart and hand, and he had the nerve to tell me that I'd better stay out of the deal if I didn't keep away from you Molly,

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"What one is that?"
"Yes," he blurted.
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"Sledge looked impassively out at the garbage pail.
"Millon," he said.
Somehow, Marley gathered that the interview was over, and went back to lis office to fool himself into the ball-platinum settings. I like the gold with the platinum proogs. Size six and a half."
"I'm cheated," he earnestly company, I took him nearly two hours and ball."
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of his hundred thousand dollars' went to the telephone.

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man's own name. Instead, Sledge, with an accurate foreknowledge of what would go on in his absence, took a little outing, pausing, more or less incidentally, at the home of Frank Marley.

"Oot time to take a ride" he suggested to Molly, "I want you to look at a house, Senator Alierton's place. Eighteen rooms, six baths, garage, twelve acres of grounds."

"The sorry I can't go with you."

Molly replied to that, suppressing the flash in her eyes. "You know my friend Fern is still visiting me."

"I ought to brought a bigger car," he chided himself. She's a nice little party. If you don't like this place. I'll hunt another one. You'll have the swellest house in town, Molly."

Molly laughed gaily.

"Nothing doing," she informed him in his own vernacular, unable to avoid the issue any longer. "I told you in the first place, Mr. Sledge, that I'd never marry you; and I meant it."

"I heard you," he returned easily, "Do you like fountains in a house?"

"Indeed I do," she laughed, "I want a marble swimming pool, and a sunken en garden, and outdoor sleeping rooms, and a pipe organ in a two-story music room."

"That's the talk," approved Sledge, delighted to hear her express a preference. "I guess we'll have to build. Say, Molly, do you like that electric light out in front?"

"It's a hideous thing," she admitted, glancing at the gunt pole and the swinging arc, which had elevined between the world, Bert and Sledge in formed her. "It's glaringly bright on the front porch, where we don't want it, and dark as a pocket back by the garage."

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"You mustn't do those things!" she cried, now in acute distress. The humor of it was gone.

"Who says I mustn't?" he wanted to know.

"I do," she told him.

"Why?"

"I don't wish to be embarrassed."

"I don't wish to be embarrassed." "You'll get over that," he prophesied. "Bay, who sprung that engage-ment on the Blade?" Bledge chuckled.

"What one is that?"
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mouth and was paler than usual, but en gardens, all of which was groomed with exceptional care and his life had been saved by sonscientious barber.

"You've given up the idea of having the new hospital built on that the bad had this very place in mind.

River View Hill, haven't you?"

"Bure," said Sledge. "It's too farout."

"Bert lost everything to-day out."

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"Is Sledge authorized to deny it?"

"Yes; anybody is!" she exuited, and carried her exuitation back to Bert.

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same ornate frame which it had embellished in the noon issue of the
Blade, but, from the panel formerly
occupied by Bert, gloomed the funeral features of Sledge, and the threecolumn announcement had spread
until it now covered the front page,
at the top of which ran an intensely
black line declaring that Sledge denied Moily's engagement to Bert.
Moily grabbed all six rings, and
put them on her fingers.
"T'm part of the deal, Bert!" she
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Blondy Snitches.

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View Hill location, would be of enhanced value when the Sledge gang
was turned into a political nonentity
by the revival of the public funds
scandal. Clever? He patted his mussache with marked approbation. Molty would appreciate this stroke.

The yellow-haired bartender, who
had just come on for the noon rush,
arried Sledge's stein of beer in to
him, and laughed as he set it down.

"Bert had a fine dill on last night."

"He's got his orders."

"He hay on having a good time?"

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He turned immediately to the telephone and called up the electric light
company.

"Say, this is "Sledge," he stated.
"Send up some men to Frank Marley's. Move the light from their front
gate to the siley. Right away."

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CHAPTER XIII. The Society of Politics. HE Governor's ball being considered by common cor the first social gun of the

"Who is this?" rasped the voice of "Surge," said sledge. "It's too far out." Bert smiled. He knew why the Riv. even in the Blade about you and Molly?"

"It's a mistake," said Bert. "You're not engaged?"

"Who he returned from the telephone molly dropped six diamond rings into his hand, and started up stairs.

"Don't any of them fit?" he asked "Teetfeult, unning up the stairs after her. "It's time explain."

"But you don't understand!" he called, running up the stairs after her. "Let me explain."

"It's time explain."

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